

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 60 years ago

Flyers circulate; tattoos unreported

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A flier advising parents of dangerous stamps soaked with LSD and other drugs that may be harmful to children continues to circulate throughout Cottage Grove, alarming some parents and baffling others.

Police in Cottage Grove say they have not seen the 'tattoos,' which are said to be about the size of a pencil eraser. "We haven't run across any locally," said Commander Larry Worsham.

The flier, distributed by the Portland Elks Lodge No. 142, describes specially how drugs may be packaged and made tantalizing to young children.

Pat Balzer, former chairman of the lodge's drug awareness committee in Portland, said he had received more than 100 calls about the flier before his tenure as chairman ended several weeks ago. He was unable to verify all of the information in the flier, he said.

Officials at South Lane School District are looking for anyone who can substantiate the information in the flyers.

While the district doesn't encourage the circulation of the flyer, it doesn't totally discount it, either.

"Our intent is to see if somebody has some concrete, factual information, as opposed to the rumors," said Rich Davidson, director of elementary education.

LSD is being used by teenagers, and the symptoms are worth nothing, according to school nurse Ruth Ackley. But if cannot be absorbed through the skin, she said, and she

discourages the circulation of the flier.

Neighbors continue to battle over quarry

By Pete Mallris
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Longtime residents of Molitor Hill Road north of Cottage Grove want their neighborhood to return to the quiet, peaceful place they envisioned when they bought property on the dead-end street more than a decade ago.

Owners and operators of Pleasant Hill Ranch want to operate their business in peace. Unfortunately, bot parties can't be satisfied at once, and their dispute has led to what promised to be a long legal battle.

The controversy centers around a 62-acre rock quarry that sits on the 1,00-acre Pleasant Hill Ranch, located on Sears Road north of Monitor Hill Road.

Billy and Christa Gruner bought the ranch and the quarry from Verel Morrell about 17 months ago. Gravel trucks currently drive across ranch property to reach the quarry and leave the same way. The current route takes the trucks north of the quarry until they hit the ranch's driveway, which stars on Sears Road near the Saginaw interchange.

The Gruners want to change that route, using Molitor Hill Road to hit Sears Road. Area residents are fighting it, saying the trucks make too much noise and are dangerous to children that play on the street after school.

Last March, Lane County planners ap-

proved the Gruners request for a partition to build a road on their property that will run west of the quarry and turn left to hit Molitor Hill Road.

Two are families, Howard and Shirelle Bird and Ed and Kay Rodewald, appealed that decision 10 days later, with the support of several other area homeowners. A hearing that appeal was scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday at Harris Hall in Eugene.

The quarry, and the possible existence of a new road for heavy trucks, affects the Birds more than anyone in the area. The proposed new road would run about 200 feet from their kitchen window. Shirelle Bird feels the noise would be unbearable and the road would ruin a picturesque view of the hillside.

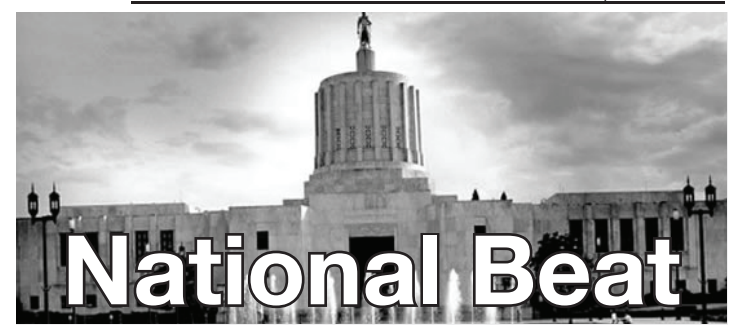
"The thought of trucks going up and down that hills is more than I can take," Bird said.

Residents also feel the trucks will be a hazard to children who play on the road. A bus stop is located just across Molitor Hill Road from Bird's house.

Jack and Emily Smith support the fight against the new road. Jack Smith said it would be impossible for the heavy trucks to stop for an unwary child in the road.

More than the local residents stand in the Gruners' way of using the proposed new route for the gravel trucks.

In May of 1987, after testing both Sears and Molitor Hill Roads, the county reduced the maximum weight limit on the road from 27 tons to 17 tons.



News from the state and around the nation

From around the state

- Authorities are offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the individual responsible for shooting wild deer with arrows. The animals were discovered in the Shady Cove area still able to walk and feed with arrows through their bodies. Officials told multiple news outlets that they were unable to capture the deer due to the short distance required to administer a tranquilizer.
- Vance Day, the Oregon judge who was suspended after refusing to perform same-sex marriages will face a criminal trial for reportedly allowing a felon to handle a firearm.
- The Oregonian reported on Monday that the Herminston School District will not participate in a state reading program because of the inclusion of a book that features a transgendered child. "George" tells the story of a 10-year-old child who looks like a boy but feels like a girl. The district said the subject matter was "not appropriate."
- Missing Oregon trucker, Jacob Aaron Cartwright, 22, has been found after going missing in Eastern Oregon early last week. Reportedly, his GPS device led him astray and he ended up in a remote area. When he attempted to turn around, the truck got stuck in an embankment. Cartwright had no cell service and did not touch any of the chips he was carrying in his truckload despite being missing for four days.

From around the nation

- Adult entertainer Stormy Daniels has filed a defamation suit against President Donald Trump.
- ICE Director Thomas Homan announced his retirement earlier this week. He's served in the position for the last 14 months.
- The White House Correspondents Association criticized the performance of comedian Michelle Wolf at its annual dinner held last week. During the dinner, Wolf told jokes about the president, democrats, republicans, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and the media.
- James Shaw Jr., the man responsible for unarming a shooter in a mass shooting that killed two and injured four more, has raised more than \$185,000 for the victims of the shooting. Shaw, who was unarmed, managed to wrestle the AR-15 away from the shooter.
- Comedian Bill Cosby was found guilty of drugging and sexually assaulting a woman 14 years ago. The accusation was one of dozens that alleged Cosby used pills to sedate the women before raping them. He faces up to 30 years in prison.

POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

April 19

An individual on N. Douglas St. filed a noise complaint after hearing "loud drumming" from their neighbor's house.

An individual came to the station to talk with an officer after being approached earlier in the week by a "white supremacist" who was talking about burying a body.

Two male teenagers were seen standing in the middle of the Swinging Bridge and swinging it back and forth.

April 21

A noise complaint was filed after a loud party was occurring at a trailer on Karen Ct. When the complainant approached the group to ask them to turn down the noise, the party-goers yelled back to "call the police."

A suspicious subject was reported after a woman was seen at the post office going through trash inside the lobby and appeared to be sorting through other people's mail. The woman was contacted and said she was looking for coupons and magazines.

April 22

A "possible small brush fire" was reported behind hole number 10 at Middlefield Golf Course.

A noise complaint was filed on Madison St. after an individual had been working on a car and revving the engine for nearly two hours.

A woman came to the police station to give the authorities what

she believed was a fake social security card that belonged to the person that she purchased her car from. The individual whose card it was said they would pick it up but then denied it was theirs when told it would be at the police station.

April 24

A caregiver for a 13-year-old reported that the juvenile was stuck in an enclosed patio area after the door got jammed. The individual was unable to get the 13-year-old out and back into the house.

A disturbance was reported after an individual saw a group of teenagers Tazing each other at the far end of a parking lot on Row River Rd.

April 25

A man on Whiteaker reported that as he was leaving the business, an employee kicked him in the back.

Criminal mischief was reported after six or seven males were seen climbing trees on 3rd St. and appeared to be attempting to break the branches.

A public hazard was reported after an individual on 6th St. found used syringes in their garage.

April 27

A prowler was reported on Pennoyer St. at around 5 a.m. The individual was seen in the back yard of their neighbor's house.

Information contained in the Police Blotter is provided by the public log kept by the Cottage Grove Police Department.

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY May 3

74° | 46°



Mostly Cloudy

FRIDAY May 4

72° | 47°



Mostly cloudy

SATURDAY May 5

71° | 48°



Partly cloudy

SUNDAY May 6

68° | 48°



Showers

MONDAY May 7

73° | 48°



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TUESDAY May 8

79° | 49°



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